

committees are organized, assignments are made, we cannot fully address the issues before us.

Senators should anticipate a busy week next week as we address a whole range of issues, including the committee resolutions; and then, I should add the appropriations, which is the next big challenge for us—the 11 appropriations bills that we were unable to finish in the 107th Congress. I very much would like to have as a goal by the end of next week completion, if at all possible, of that unfinished business.

I think we should remain in session—and this is unfinished business from the last session—until we finish the committee resolutions, as well as the appropriations. I hope Senators can plan their schedules accordingly.

Rollcall votes are possible during each day next week, including Monday, although we would not have a vote before Monday at 5 o'clock. We don't anticipate any votes. We don't know absolutely for sure that we will have a vote at that point in time, but I think it is important to proceed in that direction with the business before us.

I want to thank my colleagues for their cooperation and all the kindness they have shown in the last few days as I have taken on this new position. We have addressed a number of issues that are important to the American people during this first week of the 108th Congress. If I may look back over the last several days, it has been one of active negotiation. It is not all that apparent to the world at large, but we have had action and accomplishment and achievement. It has been a productive start.

By working together over the course of the last week, there are three things in addition to the debate on the floor that we have been able to accomplish.

One is the unemployment insurance, which, again, working in a bipartisan way, we were able to pass within several hours of opening the session. That will aid thousands of our fellow citizens in need. It is a problem that we addressed in this body before. We were able to address it in a very cooperative spirit, and we have accomplished that. A number of us had the pleasure of meeting with the President 2 days later as he signed that bill. That is to the benefit of Americans.

Secondly, we passed a continuing resolution that will keep our Government functioning and give us the time we need to complete the spending bills, the appropriations bills, that I mentioned earlier.

Third, just a few minutes ago, we wrapped up one other issue that came from the 107th Congress, one report. To our colleagues who are here and are listening, that was a promise made in the 107th Congress that we have been able to fulfill in the last few minutes.

Many will recall that immediately prior to passage of the homeland security bill in the Senate, Senator LOTT secured an agreement with Speaker HASTERT and Majority Leader DELAY to revisit in this Congress certain provisions in the homeland security bill. I am pleased to tell my colleagues that we have done just that in a manner that is acceptable to our Members. We have reached agreement. The changes will be included in the omnibus appropriations bill that I hope we will be able to consider shortly. The specifics of that will be released in the coming days.

I thank Speaker HASTERT for his willingness to work with the Senate to address these specific issues. I thank Majority Leader DELAY for his assistance, and I thank Senators CHAFEE, COLLINS, and SNOWE for their coopera-

tion, as well as Senators GREGG and ROBERTS for their assistance.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the help of my colleagues because, as I said in my opening remarks, the spirit of working together in cooperation, I know—I absolutely know—will be to the benefit of the American people. I hope the 108th Congress will be increasingly characterized by that spirit of cooperation.

On Tuesday, we promised the American people we would get right to work. We have in a strong bipartisan way. It has been a good week. We extended the unemployment insurance, we passed the continuing resolution, and we have made good on a promise to revisit those provisions in the homeland security bill.

I am delighted to report that after 72 hours, I got voice mail in my office.

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#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:12 p.m., adjourned until Monday, January 13, 2003, at 12 noon.

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#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 10, 2003:

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

CLARK KENT ERVIN, OF TEXAS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (NEW POSITION)

ASA HUTCHINSON, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR BORDER AND TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (NEW POSITION)